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MODAL ISSUES  
Status Report on Route 101 Prunedale Bypass  
Information Item

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**STATUS REPORT ON ROUTE 101 PRUNEDALE BYPASS PROJECT**

This item will be presented at the meeting.

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**DESK OF CARL CIESLIKOWSKI**

March 7, 2002

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Ms. Dianne Mc Kenna, Chairperson  
Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street (MS-52)  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Mc Kenna:

This letter is written because of my disappointment concerning the present design of the Cal Trans project located at Hwy 156 and US 101 in Prunedale, California.

I recognize I am but one person writing one letter. I also know of the financial considerations and the number of requests you receive for various projects. However, please let me inform you of my concerns by way of letter.

The urgency is clear as Cal Trans has just begun a two year project at 101 and 156. And yet all this time and money will not relieve the issues I raise below. I fear the May 8-9, 2002, meeting will be too late to ask for relief.

As you may know traffic volume travelling eastbound on Hwy 156 is considered F. During the summer, holidays and special events, traffic on Hwy 156 east backs up to Castroville and sometimes Marina. The traffic coming from the Monterey Peninsula has always been a problem since I became a resident of Prunedale twenty-six years ago. We were informed in 1974 about a freeway which would relieve 156 traffic. That never happened! Later, we were told the 156 and Hwy 101 bridge would be widened and the "loop" onto Hwy 101 North would be fixed. This will not happen!

I have been informed by the Cal Trans cite team, Monterey County Director Lee Yarborough and Tim Gubbins in San Luis Obispo Cal Trans, that the two year construction plan does nothing to elevate the traffic from the Monterey Peninsula, heading east on Hwy 156 to the U.S. 101 interchange. It does nothing to solve this tremendous bottle neck at this major intersection. I find this hard to comprehend that the state would invest two years into a project and yet the congestion remains the same.

Because work has just begun on this project, I seek your response prior to the Prunedale Status Report scheduled for May 8-9, 2002. I would also appreciate this letter become part of the record for this scheduled meeting. I plan on being at your meeting to address the issues I have raised in this letter.

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Thank you very much for your timely response relative to my concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Cieslikowski', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carl Cieslikowski

cc Jeff Morales, Director, Cal Trans